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describes the "lower alkyl" groups of the '666 and '712 patents as being C₁-C₆ alkyls (see col. 1, lines 55-67 of USP 6,828,303).

Accordingly, since "lower alkyl" in the Habener '666 patent means C₁-C₆ alkyl, Habener cannot be held to anticipate claims 48-49 of the present application and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 48-55 and 57-59 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting rejection over claims 1-3, 5-7, 14 and 15 of application 09/757,788 and claim 1 of the 10/285,079 application.

In reply, Applicants submit that these rejections are rendered moot by amendments to the claims that have been presented in the 09/757,788 and 10/285,079 applications.

In the 10/285,079 application, an Amendment filed May 6, 2005 cancelled claim 1 and presented claims directed to a GLP-1 derivative of formula I where inter alia

- 1) the GLP-1 derivative contains only one Lys and the Lys is not the N-terminal or C-terminal amino acid of the derivative, and
- 2) a lipophilic substituent of from 12 to 25 carbons is attached, optionally via a spacer, to the epsilon-amino group of the Lys.

Thus, the now pending claims of the 10/285079 application are directed to GLP-1 derivatives in which a lipophilic group is only attached to an internal amino acid of the GLP-1 peptide (i.e. no N-or C-terminal modifications). As the pending claims 48-59 in this application are directed to derivatives in which the lipophilic substituent is attached to the C-terminal amino acid of the GLP-1 peptide, the claims of the pending application are not obvious over the claims now pending in application 10/285,079 and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the 09/757,788 application, an Amendment filed today, September 29, 2005, amends claim 1 in the '788 application to include the limitations of claims 14 and 17

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and added a second independent claim (claim 27) to include the limitations of claims 20 and 24, where claims 17, 20 and 24 were not included by the Examiner in the present obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Thus the two independent claims in pending application 09/757788 now read as follows (with the newly added limitations being indicated by underline):

1. A liquid formulation suitable for pulmonary administration to a subject, said formulation comprising a GLP-1 compound having attached thereto a lipophilic substituent comprising 14-18 carbon atoms, where said attachment of said lipophilic substituent to said GLP-1 compound is optionally via a spacer and wherein said formulation upon nebulization achieves a mass median aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 um.

27. A dry formulation suitable for pulmonary administration to a subject, said formulation comprising a GLP-1 compound having attached thereto a lipophilic substituent comprising 14-18 carbon atoms, where said attachment of said lipophilic substituent to said GLP-1 compound is optionally via a spacer and wherein said formulation contains a mass median aerodynamic diameter of aerosol particles of less than 10 um.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments to the claims in application 09/757,788, Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are not obvious over the claims now pending in application 09/757,788 and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

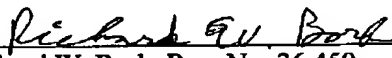
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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

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